

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, after the title please insert the following statement and heading:

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Page 4, after the second paragraph please insert the heading:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

please amend the third paragraph to read as follows:

For the purpose of overcoming the above-indicated disadvantages, the subject of the present invention constitutes a lithographic process having the characteristics set out in the main claims which follow. Preferred characteristics of the process of the invention are set out in the dependent claims. ~~A further object of the present invention is constituted by a die having the characteristics set out in claim 37 which follows.~~

Page 5, after the third full paragraph please insert the heading:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Page 6, after the descriptions of Figures 6A and 6B please insert the heading

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

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**Please delete the improper second paragraph of the Abstract containing the
parenthetical phrase “(figure 1C)”.**